

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 5, 12, 15, 48, 50, 51, 55, 56, and 60 and add new Claims 61 through 75 to read, as follows. Note that all the claims currently pending in this application, including those not presently being amended, have been reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.

1. **(Currently Amended)** A developer supply container, detachably mountable to an image forming apparatus, for supplying a developer to the image forming apparatus, said developer supply container comprising:

a main container body for ~~accommodating~~ containing a developer, said main container body being provided with an opening for permitting discharge of the developer;

a driving force receiving portion for receiving a driving force for feeding the developer in said main container body toward said opening, the driving force being supplied from a driving force supplying portion provided in the image forming apparatus; and

a surface fastener, provided on said driving force receiving portion, for disengageable engagement with a surface fastener provided on said driving force supplying portion by relative movement toward each other.

2. **(Canceled)**

3. **(Currently Amended)** A developer supply container according to Claim 1, wherein each of said [[the]] surface fastener of said [[the]] driving force receiving ~~supplying~~ portion and

the ~~[[said]]~~ surface fastener of the ~~[[said]]~~ driving force ~~supplying~~ ~~receiving~~ portion has includes a plurality of elastically deformable projections, which are engageable with each other.

4. **(Previously Presented)** A developer supply container according to Claim 3, wherein each projection of said plurality of projections of said surface fastener of said driving force receiving portion and the plurality of projections of the surface fastener of the driving force supplying portion is thicker at a free end than at a base end thereof.

5. **(Currently Amended)** A developer supply container according to Claim 3, wherein one of said plurality of projections of said surface fastener of said driving force receiving portion and the plurality of the projections of the surface fastener of the driving force supplying portion are configured in the form of ~~loops~~ loops, and

wherein the other of said plurality of projections of said surface fastener of said driving force receiving portion and the plurality of projections of the surface fastener of the driving force applying portion are configured in the form of hooks.

6. **(Previously Presented)** A developer supply container according to Claim 3, wherein each projection of said plurality of projections of said surface fastener of said driving force receiving portion and the plurality of projections of the surface fastener of the driving force supplying portion is configured in the form of a frustum of a pyramid.

7. **(Previously Presented)** A developer supply container according to Claim 3, wherein a free end of each projection of said plurality of projections of said surface fastener of said driving force receiving portion and the plurality of projections of the surface fastener of the driving force supplying portion is rounded.

Claims 8 through 10. **(Canceled)**

11. **(Previously Presented)** A developer supply container according to Claim 1, further comprising a collecting portion for receiving dropouts from said surface fastener of said driving force receiving portion.

12. **(Currently Amended)** A developer supply container according to Claim 11, wherein said collecting portion comprises further comprising a barrier for collecting weir for ~~collected~~ dropouts at an end portion of said collecting portion.

13. **(Previously Presented)** A developer supply container according to Claim 11 or 12, wherein said collecting portion surrounds said surface fastener of said driving force receiving portion at a circumference thereof.

14. **(Canceled)**

15. **(Currently Amended)** A developer supply container according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a sealing member for unsealably sealing said opening; and

a feeding member for feeding the developer in said main container body toward said opening,

wherein said feeding member is integrally rotatable with said sealing member by the driving force received by said driving force receiving portion.

16. **(Previously Presented)** A developer supply container according to Claim 1, wherein said surface fastener of said driving force receiving portion is disposed at a leading end side of said developer supply container in a mounting direction thereof relative to the image forming apparatus.

Claims 14 through 47. **(Canceled)**

48. **(Currently Amended)** A developer supply container according to Claim 1, wherein said main container body has a cylindrical shape.

49. **(Previously Presented)** An image forming unit detachably mountable to an image forming apparatus, said image forming unit comprising:

an image bearing member;

a driving force receiving portion for receiving a driving force for rotating said image bearing member, the driving force being supplied from a driving force supplying portion provided in the image forming apparatus; and

a surface fastener, provided on said driving force receiving portion, for disengageable engagement with a surface fastener provided on the driving force supplying portion by relative movement toward each other.

50. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming unit according to Claim 49, wherein each of said ~~[[the]]~~ surface fastener of said ~~[[the]]~~ driving force ~~receiving~~ supplying portion and ~~the~~ ~~[[said]]~~ surface fastener of ~~the~~ ~~[[said]]~~ driving force ~~supplying~~ ~~receiving~~ portion ~~includes~~ have a plurality of elastically deformable projections, which are engageable with each other.

51. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming unit according to Claim 50, wherein each projection of said ~~[[the]]~~ plurality of projections of said ~~[[the]]~~ surface fastener of said ~~[[the]]~~ driving force ~~receiving~~ supplying portion and ~~the~~ ~~[[said]]~~ plurality of projection of ~~the~~ ~~[[said]]~~ ~~}}driving force~~ ~~supplying~~ ~~receiving~~ portion is thicker at a free end than at a base end thereof.

52. **(Previously Presented)** An image forming unit according to Claim 50, wherein one of said plurality of projections of said surface fastener of said driving force receiving portion and the plurality of projections of the surface fastener of the driving force supplying portion are configured in the form of ~~loops~~ loops, and

wherein the other of said plurality of projections of said surface fastener of said driving force receiving portion and the plurality of projections of the surface fastener of the driving force supplying portion are configured in the form of hooks.

53. **(Previously Presented)** An image forming unit according to Claim 50, wherein each projection of said plurality of projections of said surface fastener of said driving force receiving portion and the plurality of projections of the surface fastener of the driving force supplying portion is configured in the form of frustrum of a pyramid.

54. **(Previously Presented)** An image forming unit according to Claim 50, wherein a free end of each projection of said plurality of projections of said surface fastener of said driving force receiving portion and the plurality of projections of the surface fastener of the driving force supplying portion is rounded.

55. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming unit according to Claim 49, further comprising a collecting portion for receiving dropouts from said surface fastener of said driving force receiving portion ~~weir for collected dropouts at an end portion of said collecting portion.~~

56. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming unit according to Claim 55, wherein said collecting portion comprises ~~further comprising a barrier for collecting~~ weir for collected dropouts at an end portion of said collecting portion.

57. **(Previously Presented)** An image forming unit according to Claim 55, wherein said collecting portion surrounds said surface fastener of said driving force receiving portion at a circumference thereof.

58. **(Previously Presented)** An image forming unit according to Claim 49, further comprising as a unit at least one of developing means for developing a latent image on said image bearing member, charging means for electrically charging a surface of said image bearing member, and cleaning means for cleaning the surface of said image bearing member.

59. **(Previously Presented)** A developer supply container according to Claim 16, wherein a mounting direction of said developer supply container relative to the image forming apparatus is a longitudinal direction of said developer supply container.

60. **(Currently Amended)** A developer supply container according to Claim 15, wherein said opening is capable of being opened automatically using a connecting force between said surface fastener of said driving force receiving portion and the surface fastener of the driving force supplying ~~supply~~ portion.

--61. **(New)** A developer supply container according to Claim 1, further comprising a feeding portion, provided in said container body, for feeding the developer toward said opening in accordance with rotation of said container body by the driving force.

62. (New) A developer supply container according to Claim 61, wherein said container body has a cylindrical shape.

63. (New) A developer supply container for supplying a developer to an image forming apparatus, said developer supply container being detachably mountable to the image forming apparatus, said developer supply container comprising:

- a container body for containing a developer;

- an opening, formed at an end portion of said container body with respect to a direction in which said developer supply container is mounted to said image forming apparatus, for permitting discharge of the developer from said developer supply container;

- a sealing member for unsealably sealing said opening; and

- a connecting portion for connecting with a mounting operation of said developer supply container relative to the image forming apparatus, said connecting portion being movable integrally with said sealing member,

- wherein said connecting portion is capable of receiving a force for unsealing said sealing member by moving said sealing member relative to said container body in a direction away from said container body, and

- wherein said connecting portion includes a surface fastener disconnectably connectable with a surface fastener provided in the connecting member.

64. (New) A developer supply container according to Claim 63, wherein each of said surface fastener of said connecting portion and the surface fastener of the connecting member includes a plurality of elastically deformable projections, which are engageable with each other.

65. (New) A developer supply container according to Claim 64, wherein each projection of said plurality of projections of said surface fastener of said connecting portion and the plurality of projections of the surface fastener of the connecting member is thicker at a free end than at a base end thereof.

66. (New) A developer supply container according to Claim 64, wherein one of said plurality of projections of said surface fastener of said connecting portion and the plurality of the projections of the surface fastener of the connecting member are configured in the form of loops, and

wherein the other of said plurality of projections of said surface fastener of said connecting portion and the plurality of projections of the surface fastener of the connecting member are configured in the form of hooks.

67. (New) A developer supply container according to Claim 64, wherein each projection of said plurality of projections of said surface fastener of said connecting portion and the plurality of projections of the surface fastener of the connecting member is configured in the form of a frustum of a pyramid.

68. **(New)** A developer supply container according to Claim 64, wherein a free end of each projection of said plurality of projections of said surface fastener of said connecting portion and the plurality of projections of the surface fastener of the connecting member is rounded.

69. **(New)** A developer supply container according to Claim 63, further comprising a collecting portion for receiving dropouts from said surface fastener of said connecting portion.

70. **(New)** A developer supply container according to Claim 69, wherein said collecting portion comprises a barrier for collecting dropouts at an end portion of said collecting portion.

71. **(New)** A developer supply container according to Claim 69 or 70, wherein said collecting portion surrounds said surface fastener of said driving force connecting portion at a circumference thereof.

72. **(New)** A developer supply container according to Claim 63, wherein said surface fastener of said connecting portion is disposed at a leading end side of said developer supply container in a mounting direction thereof relative to the image forming apparatus.

73. **(New)** A developer supply container according to claim 63, further comprising a feeding portion, provided in said container body, for feeding the developer toward said opening in accordance with rotation of said container body by the driving force.

74. **(New)** A developer supply container according to Claim 73, wherein said feeding portion is rotatable integrally with said container body.

75. **(New)** a developer supply container according to Claim 73, wherein said container body has a cylindrical shape.--